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§ 80.1428 General requirements for RIN distribution.

(a) *RINs assigned to volumes of renewable fuel.*

(1) *Assigned RIN*, for the purposes of this subpart, means a RIN assigned to a volume of renewable fuel pursuant to § 80.1426(e) with a K code of 1.

(2) Except as provided in § 80.1429, no person can separate a RIN that has been assigned to a batch pursuant to § 80.1426(e).

(3) An assigned RIN cannot be transferred to another person without simultaneously transferring a volume of renewable fuel to that same person.

(4) No more than 2.5 assigned gallon-RINs with a K code of 1 can be transferred to another person with every gallon of renewable fuel transferred to that same person.

(5)(i) On each of the dates listed in paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of this section in any calendar year, the following equation must be satisfied for assigned RINs and volumes of renewable fuel owned by a person:

$$\Sigma(\text{RIN})_D \leq \Sigma(V_{si} * 2.5)_D$$

Where:

D = Applicable date.

$\Sigma(\text{RIN})_D$ = Sum of all assigned gallon-RINs with a K code of 1 that are owned on date D.

$(V_{si})_D$ = Volume *i* of renewable fuel owned on date D, standardized to 60 °F, in gallons.

(ii) The applicable dates are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

(6) Any transfer of ownership of assigned RINs must be documented on product transfer documents generated pursuant to § 80.1453.

(i) The RIN must be recorded on the product transfer document used to transfer ownership of the volume of renewable fuel to another person; or

(ii) The RIN must be recorded on a separate product transfer document transferred to the same person on the same day as the product transfer document used to transfer ownership of the volume of renewable fuel.

(b) *RINs separated from volumes of renewable fuel.*

(1) *Separated RIN*, for the purposes of this subpart, means a RIN with a K code of 2 that has been separated from

a volume of renewable fuel pursuant to § 80.1429.

(2) Any person that has registered pursuant to § 80.1450 can own a separated RIN.

(3) Separated RINs can be transferred any number of times.

(c) *RIN expiration.* Except as provided in § 80.1427(a)(7), a RIN is valid for compliance during the calendar year in which it was generated, or the following calendar year. Any RIN that is not used for compliance purposes for the calendar year in which it was generated, or for the following calendar year, will be considered an expired RIN. Pursuant to § 80.1431(a), an expired RIN will be considered an invalid RIN and cannot be used for compliance purposes.

(d) Any batch-RIN can be divided into multiple batch-RINs, each representing a smaller number of gallon-RINs, if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) All RIN components other than SSSSSSSS and EEEEEEEEE are identical for the original parent and newly formed daughter RINs.

(2) The sum of the gallon-RINs associated with the multiple daughter batch-RINs is equal to the gallon-RINs associated with the parent batch-RIN.

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§ 80.1429 Requirements for separating RINs from volumes of renewable fuel.

(a)(1) Separation of a RIN from a volume of renewable fuel means termination of the assignment of the RIN to a volume of renewable fuel.

(2) RINs that have been separated from volumes of renewable fuel become separated RINs subject to the provisions of § 80.1428(b).

(b) A RIN that is assigned to a volume of renewable fuel can be separated from that volume only under one of the following conditions:

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(7) and (b)(9) of this section, a party that is an obligated party according to § 80.1406 must separate any RINs that have been assigned to a volume of renewable fuel if that party owns that volume.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(6) of this section, any party that owns a volume of renewable fuel must separate any RINs that have been assigned to that volume once the volume is blended with gasoline or diesel to produce a transportation fuel, heating oil, or jet fuel. A party may separate up to 2.5 RINs per gallon of blended renewable fuel.

(3) Any party that exports a volume of renewable fuel must separate any RINs that have been assigned to the exported volume. A party may separate up to 2.5 RINs per gallon of exported renewable fuel.

(4) Any party that produces, imports, owns, sells, or uses a volume of neat renewable fuel, or a blend of renewable fuel and diesel fuel, must separate any RINs that have been assigned to that volume of neat renewable fuel or that blend if:

(i) The party designates the neat renewable fuel or blend as transportation fuel, heating oil, or jet fuel; and

(ii) The neat renewable fuel or blend is used without further blending, in the designated form, as transportation fuel, heating oil, or jet fuel.

(5) Any party that produces, imports, owns, sells, or uses a volume of electricity or biogas for which RINs have been generated in accordance with § 80.1426(f) must separate any RINs that have been assigned to that volume of renewable electricity or biogas if:

(i) The party designates the electricity or biogas as transportation fuel; and

(ii) The electricity or biogas is used as transportation fuel.

(6) RINs assigned to a volume of biodiesel (mono-alkyl ester) can only be separated from that volume pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this section if such biodiesel is blended into diesel fuel at a concentration of 80 volume percent biodiesel (mono-alkyl ester) or less.

(i) This paragraph (b)(6) shall not apply to biodiesel owned by obligated parties or to exported volumes of biodiesel.

(ii) This paragraph (b)(6) shall not apply to parties meeting the requirements of paragraph (b)(4) of this section.

(7) For RINs that an obligated party generates for renewable fuel that has not been blended into gasoline or diesel to produce a transportation fuel, heating oil, or jet fuel, the obligated party can only separate such RINs from volumes of renewable fuel if the number of gallon-RINs separated in a calendar year are less than or equal to a limit set as follows:

(i) For RINs with a D code of 3, the limit shall be equal to RVO_{CB} .

(ii) For RINs with a D code of 4, the limit shall be equal to RVO_{BDD} .

(iii) For RINs with a D code of 7, the limit shall be equal to the larger of RVO_{BDD} or RVO_{CB} .

(iv) For RINs with a D code of 5, the limit shall be equal to $RVO_{AB} - RVO_{CB} - RVO_{BDD}$.

(v) For RINs with a D code of 6, the limit shall be equal to $RVO_{RF} - RVO_{AB}$.

(8) Small refiners and small refineries may only separate RINs that have been assigned to volumes of renewable fuel that the party blends into gasoline or diesel to produce transportation fuel, heating oil, or jet fuel, or that the party used as transportation fuel, heating oil, or jet fuel. This paragraph (b)(8) shall apply only under the following conditions:

(i) During the calendar year in which the party has received a small refinery exemption under § 80.1441 or a small refiner exemption under § 80.1442; and

(ii) The party is not otherwise an obligated party during the period of time that the small refinery or small refiner exemption is in effect.

(9) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) through (b)(5) and (b)(8) of this section, RINs owned by obligated parties whose non-export renewable volume obligations are solely related to the addition of blendstocks into a volume of finished gasoline, finished diesel fuel, RBOB, or CBOB, can only be separated from volumes of renewable fuel if the number of gallon-RINs separated in a calendar year are less than or equal to a limit set as follows:

(i) For RINs with a D code of 3, the limit shall be equal to RVO_{CB} .

(ii) For RINs with a D code of 4, the limit shall be equal to RVO_{BDD} .

(iii) For RINs with a D code of 7, the limit shall be equal to the larger of RVO_{BDD} or RVO_{CB} .

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(iv) For RINs with a D code of 5, the limit shall be equal to $RVO_{AB} - RVO_{CB} - RVO_{BBD}$.

(v) For RINs with a D code of 6, the limit shall be equal to $RVO_{RF} - RVO_{AB}$.

(c) The party responsible for separating a RIN from a volume of renewable fuel shall change the K code in the RIN from a value of 1 to a value of 2 prior to transferring the RIN to any other party.

(d) Upon and after separation of a RIN from its associated volume of renewable fuel, the separated RIN must be accompanied by a PTD pursuant to § 80.1453 when transferred to another party.

(e) Upon and after separation of a RIN from its associated volume of renewable fuel, product transfer documents used to transfer ownership of the volume must meet the requirements of § 80.1453.

(f) Any party that uses a renewable fuel in any application that is not transportation fuel, heating oil, or jet fuel, or designates a renewable fuel for use as something other than transportation fuel, heating oil, or jet fuel, must retire any RINs received with that renewable fuel and report the retired RINs in the applicable reports under § 80.1451.

(g) Any 2009 or 2010 RINs retired pursuant to § 80.1129 because renewable fuel was used in a nonroad vehicle or nonroad engine (except for ocean-going vessels), or as heating oil or jet fuel may be reinstated by the retiring party for sale or use to demonstrate compliance with a 2010 RVO.

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§ 80.1430 Requirements for exporters of renewable fuels.

(a) Any party that owns any amount of renewable fuel, whether in its neat form or blended with gasoline or diesel, that is exported from any of the regions described in § 80.1426(b) shall acquire sufficient RINs to comply with all applicable Renewable Volume Obligations under paragraphs (b) through (e) of this section representing the exported renewable fuel.

(b) *Renewable Volume Obligations.* An exporter of renewable fuel shall determine its Renewable Volume Obliga-

tions from the volumes of the renewable fuel exported.

(1) *Cellulosic biofuel.*

$$RVO_{CB,i} = \Sigma(VOL_k * EV_k)_i + D_{CB,i-1}$$

Where:

$RVO_{CB,i}$ = The Renewable Volume Obligation for cellulosic biofuel for the exporter for calendar year i, in gallons.

k = A discrete volume of exported renewable fuel.

VOL_k = The standardized volume of discrete volume k of exported renewable fuel that the exporter knows or has reason to know is cellulosic biofuel, in gallons, calculated in accordance with § 80.1426(f)(8).

EV_k = The equivalence value associated with discrete volume k.

Σ = Sum involving all volumes of cellulosic biofuel exported.

$D_{CB,i-1}$ = Deficit carryover from the previous year for cellulosic biofuel, in gallons.

(2) *Biomass-based diesel.*

$$RVO_{BBD,i} = \Sigma(VOL_k * EV_k)_i + D_{BBD,i-1}$$

Where:

$RVO_{BBD,i}$ = The Renewable Volume Obligation for biomass-based diesel for the exporter for calendar year i, in gallons.

k = A discrete volume of exported renewable fuel.

VOL_k = The standardized volume of discrete volume k of exported renewable fuel that is biodiesel or renewable diesel, in gallons, calculated in accordance with § 80.1426(f)(8).

EV_k = The equivalence value associated with discrete volume k.

Σ = Sum involving all volumes of biodiesel or renewable diesel exported.

$D_{BBD,i-1}$ = Deficit carryover from the previous year for biomass-based diesel, in gallons.

(3) *Advanced biofuel.*

$$RVO_{AB,i} = \Sigma(VOL_k * EV_k)_i + D_{AB,i-1}$$

Where:

$RVO_{AB,i}$ = The Renewable Volume Obligation for advanced biofuel for the exporter for calendar year i, in gallons.

k = A discrete volume of exported renewable fuel.

VOL_k = The standardized volume of discrete volume k of exported renewable fuel that is biodiesel or renewable diesel, or that the exporter knows or has reason to know is cellulosic biofuel or advanced biofuel, in gallons, calculated in accordance with § 80.1426(f)(8).

EV_k = The equivalence value associated with discrete volume k.

Σ = Sum involving all volumes of advanced biofuel exported.

$D_{AB,i-1}$ = Deficit carryover from the previous year for advanced biofuel, in gallons.